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Our Docket: P-IX 3458

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In re application of:
Huse et al.

Serial No.: 09/434,870

Filed: November 4, 1999

For: METHODS OF OPTIMIZING
ANTIBODY VARIABLE REGION
BINDING AFFINITY

Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Not Yet Known

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

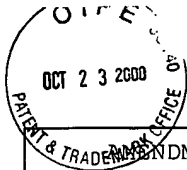
Prior to Examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please insert the paragraph:

A,1
--This application claims the benefit of priority of provisional application Serial No. 60/159,689, filed October 14, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

On page 8, line 10, please substitute the phrase "Chothia et al." with the phrase --Chothia and Lesk--



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INVENTION: METHODS OF OPTIMIZING ANTIBODY VARIABLE REGION BINDING AFFINITY				

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- ☒ No additional claims fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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							SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY			SMALL ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	41	-	41	-	0	x	\$9	\$18	=	\$0.00	\$
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	4	-	4	-	0	x	\$40	\$80	=	\$0.00	\$
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- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0370. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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